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SUBJECT: INTERPARLIAMENTARY UNION MEETING IN LISBON--
- DR. LAILA TAKLA'S MESSAGE TO CONGRESSMAN
- DERWINSKI

1. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY FOREIGN RELATIONS
COMMITTEE, DR. LAILA TAKLA, HAS ASKED THAT FOLLOWING
MESSAGE BE PASSED TO CONGRESSMAN EDWARD DERWINSKI:

2. AT UPCOMING LISBON INTERPARLIAMENTARY UNION MEETING,
THE EGYPTIAN DELEGATION INTENDS TO ASK THAT AN ITEM BE
INSCRIBED ON THE AGENDA FOR THE LATER BONN CONFERENCE
ABOUT THE RIGHT OF THE PALESTINIANS TO SELF-DETERMINATION.
THIS WILL HAVE TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE LISBON MEETING.
A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY WILL BE REQUIRED TO SUPPORT IT.
LAILA TAKLA EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE U.S. DELEGATION
WILL SUPPORT IT OR, AT THE VERY LEAST, BE SILENT ON THE
MATTER. SHE ASKED FOR CONGRESSMAN DERWINSKI'S
PRELIMINARY REACTION TO THE IDEA.

3. FYI: LAILA TAKLA ALSO ASKED MY REACTION. I TOLD HER
THAT WHILE I UNDERSTOOD THE EGYPTIAN DELEGATION'S INTEREST,
I PERSONALLY THOUGHT RAISING THE ISSUE OF PALESTINIAN
SELF-DETERMINATION AT THE LISBON INTERPARLIAMENTARY MEETING
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WOULD BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE. SHE WAS AWARE OF THE ASWAN
LANGUAGE, WHICH IS AS FAR AS THE USG IS ABLE TO GO ON
THIS CONTENTIOUS MATTER. IT ALREADY REPRESENTS A MAJOR
STEP FORWARD ON OUR PART. THE MEMBERS OF THE LEGIS-
LATIVE BRANCH ARE, OF COURSE, FREE TO MAKE THEIR OWN
JUDGMENTS, BUT AN INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION RESOLUTION
ON PALESTINIAN SELF-DETERMINATION COULD SIMPLY CREATE

FURTHER COMPLICATIONS IN AN ALREADY DIFFICULT SITUATION.
LAILA TAKLA FELT, NEVERTHELESS, THAT THE EGYPTIAN
DELEGATION WILL HAVE TO PROCEED ALONG THESE LINES. EILTS

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